

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**Improved Polymer Composition**
and Process for the Preparation Thereof

An aqueous composition including a polymer having polymerized ethylenically unsaturated acid monomer is disclosed. The aqueous composition is prepared in the presence of select organic compounds. As provided is a process to prepare the aqueous composition. The aqueous composition is useful as a dispersant for inorganic particles, a thickener or rheology modifiers for various aqueous formulations, and as a dispersing resin.